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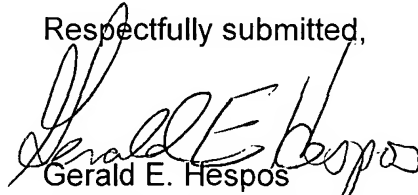
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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This Information Disclosure Statement includes a copy of Form PTO-1449 that identifies four references. Copies of the identified references are attached as well. The relevancy of U.S. Patent No. 5,378,176 is described in paragraphs 0002-0004 of the subject application. The other three references relate to similar connectors with side-mounted retainers.

The Examiner is requested to consider these references during the examination and to make the references of record.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		5,378,176	1-1995	Sasai			
		5,830,013	11-1998	Saito et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
						YES	NO
	0 732 772	1996	Europe			✓	
	1 009 063	2000	Europe			✓	

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